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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Report of the Drafting Committee

1. At its 1686th meeting, on 8 May 1991, the Trusteeship Council appointed a drafting committee composed of the representatives of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to prepare draft conclusions and recommendations of the Trusteeship Council at its fifty-eighth session to be included in its report to the Security Council.

2. The Drafting Committee held one meeting on 9 May and conducted consultations with members of the Trusteeship Council on 9 and 10 May 1991.

3. Following these consultations, the Drafting Committee decided to forward the draft conclusions and recommendations set out in the annex to the present report to the Council for its consideration.

Annex

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Political advancement

1. The Trusteeship Council takes note of its resolution 2183 (LIII) of 28 May 1986, and of its subsequent reports to the Security Council.

2. The Trusteeship Council welcomes the adoption on 22 December 1990, by the Security Council, as proposed by all members of the Trusteeship Council, of resolution 683 (1990), in which the Security Council determined, in the light of the entry into force of the new status agreements for the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands, that the objectives of the Trusteeship Agreement a/ had been fully attained, and that the applicability of the Trusteeship Agreement had terminated, with respect to those entities.

3. The Trusteeship Council notes the statement by the President of the Government of Palau on 3 May 1991 that the leadership of Palau continues to review possible options with respect to the resolution of Palau's future political status. It welcomes the assurance of the Administering Authority in its annual report on the Trust Territory b/ that it is prepared to assist the Government of Palau, at its request, in any appropriate endeavour leading to the final determination of a political status of Palau, in accordance with the free choice of its people. The Council also notes the measures taken in 1990 by the Administering Authority with a view to improving the cooperation between the Administering Authority and the Government of Palau.

4. The Trusteeship Council expresses the hope that the people of Palau will be able to complete in due course the process of exercising freely their right to self-determination.

B. Economic, social and educational advancement

5. The Trusteeship Council notes that the peoples of the Trust Territory, in the exercise of their right to self-government as set out in Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, have elected to assume full responsibility for administration in the economic, social and educational fields.

6. The Trusteeship Council notes the concerns of the Government of Palau regarding economic development and self-sufficiency. It shares the view that continued efforts are needed in this regard. It welcomes the recent improvements reported in the public health, tourism and fisheries sectors. It expresses the hope that further progress will continue to be made in these and other fields. It also notes the assurances of the Administering Authority in its annual report on the Trust Territory that it will do what it can to assist the people of the Territory to attain greater economic self-sufficiency through responsible economic development.

7. The Trusteeship Council further welcomes the current consultations between the Administering Authority and the Government of Palau towards a master national development plan and expresses the hope that these consultations will lead to the further economic development of Palau.

C. General

8. The Trusteeship Council notes with satisfaction the assurances given by the Administering Authority that it will continue to fulfil its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations and under the Trusteeship Agreement.

9. The Trusteeship Council takes note of the statement by the Administering Authority that the United States of America has no plans to establish military bases in Palau.

Notes

a/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.1).

b/ 1990 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, October 1, 1989 to September 30, 1990, forty-third annual report to the United Nations on the administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, transmitted by the United States of America to the United Nations pursuant to Article 88 of the Charter of the United Nations (Department of the Interior).